

Farr's work is outlined below:

Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail: \$500,000

These funds will help purchase right-of-ways to connect existing segments of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail, building on the \$5.8 million Congressman Farr secured for this project in last year's long-range transportation authorization bill, SAFTEA-LU.

"The completed Scenic Trail project will boost our local tourism industry by establishing a continuous bike and pedestrian trail around the Monterey Bay where visitors and residents can experience nature's best meeting of land and sea," said Congressman Farr.

When completely linked, the 50-mile long route will enable visitors to explore and enjoy the coastline of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, while respecting residential, agricultural, and environmentally sensitive surroundings along the way. The completed trail will provide unparalleled opportunities for both locals and tourists to view and learn about the unique environment of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Highway 101/Prunedale Improvement Project: Release \$9 million (previously designated)

In 1991, the annual funding bill for the Department of Transportation specified \$9 million to construct a highway bypass along Hwy 101 in Prunedale. Unfortunately release of the funds has been delayed by a narrow interpretation of the language used to describe the project, thus raising concerns about which construction activities qualify for funds.

Congressman Farr was able to finally make the \$9 million available to CalTrans by successfully negotiating language into this year's funding bill specifying that funds can be used both for the Prunedale Bypass and related Highway 101 improvements.

"The Prunedale Improvement Project is vital to improving traffic safety for Monterey County's residents and visitors; and it is our top priority. Use of these funds on the PIP will provide a great benefit to everyone who travels on Highway 101 through Prunedale by allowing us to avoid any further delays in the construction of this badly needed project," said Monterey County District 2 Supervisor Louis Calcagno.

Santa Cruz Pacific Street Station Multimodal-Multiuse Facility: \$500,000

This funding will build on funding from past years and contribute to the re-design and construction of the main multi-modal transit station in Santa Cruz. The Pacific Station serves both Santa Cruz Transit and Greyhound buses. Future plans for this site also include development of a commercial plaza, affordable housing and child care facilities.

"This kind of multi-use transportation center is exactly the kind of facility that will help keep Santa Cruz's downtown a vibrant center of activity," said Congressman Farr.

Monterey-Salinas Transit bus purchases: \$500,000

These funds will support a multi-year financing package that will enable MST to purchase new clean diesel buses. The new buses will provide a 98.5% reduction in engine particulate matter emissions, millions in savings from future maintenance and fuel costs and expand regional service.

"Congressman Farr's support has been instrumental in securing over \$10 million in federal funds for Monterey-Salinas Transit over the past 10 years. These funds are being used to help build new facilities, implement new technologies and services and allows MST to continue operating newer, more fuel efficient vehicles that reduce our overall operating costs and greatly reduce emissions all of which benefits the customers and communities we serve," said Carl Sedoryk, General Manager/CEO of MST.

Airport Boulevard/Highway 101 Interchange: \$250,000

The Airport Blvd. interchange links U.S. 101 to the truck shipping terminals that the Salinas Valley agriculture industry depends on to export much of their produce to North America and the world. This funding will go to updating the interchange's 40 year old design so that it can efficiently handle the over 2,700 trucks that use the interchange daily during the spring to fall agricultural season.

"Airport Boulevard suffers tremendous truck traffic congestion in the major food-packaging district of Salinas, with 2,700 trucks per day traveling through the area in the peak season. Helping move trucks to market is key to our county's main industry of agriculture," said Jyl Lutes, Mayor Pro-Tem of Salinas.

Salz Tannery Project: \$300,000

The former historic Salz Tannery is being converted to 100 units of affordable rental housing for the Santa Cruz community. These funds will be used for access, streetscape and frontage improvements once construction begins this fall.

"The multiple benefits of preserving the historic Salz Tannery, providing affordable housing in an area in dire need, and serving our burgeoning arts community make this an ideal project for Santa Cruz," remarked Santa Cruz Mayor Cynthia Mathews. "Congressman Farr has always been a champion of those in our area most in need, and his support for this project is greatly appreciated."